

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, September 12, 2005

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Juliette Lopez Al Gerew

Kurt Schatz Dave Marcotte Alice Lavigne Niki Decubellis Brown

Nancy Binns-Town Council Liaison Al Low

Guest: -----

Absent: Al Musso

Excused: -----

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairman, at the Burrillville Town Hall.

Minutes of August 9, 2005 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Al Low. Motion passed 7-0.

Good and Welfare:

In recognition of National Prayer and Remembrance Day on Friday,

September 16, 2005, a candlelight vigil will be held on the Town Common. An invitation was extended to the commission to attend. A moment of silence, bell ringing by area churches, the music group “Manna” will perform and guest speakers will be in attendance.

Old Business: The Director reported:

Spring Lake Beach

The final revenue report was distributed to the commission with total revenue being more that \$20,000 more than last summer even with the road construction. The Director is still awaiting final payroll figures from the Treasurer’s office to complete the final expense report. This information will be provided at the next meeting.

The campground is complete except for the plantings in the front. This cannot be completed until Department of Public Works finishes the parking area. This should be done next week. The scout group that helped blaze the trail will utilize the campground on October 14th and October 15th. They will be doing some needed painting of the site numbers while they are there.

Hauser Field

The sewer connection was completed last week. The final phase, including the plantings, was being completed this week. The final

decision has not been made on the trails grant to purchase the Bobcat to help with the walking trail.

BEC

The BEC item to formalize placement under the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Department will be on the September 14, 2005 Town Council agenda. The new Middle School program started today with 20 children enrolled and 3 staff members to assist with homework. Middle School Principal Louis Short gives her full support of new program. The school will be monitoring the enrolled student's class progress and will then refer other students having class problems to the new program. This will help meet the requirements with the "No Child Left Behind Act". The new Middle School homework assistance program presently can accommodate up to 40 children.

Snakes Alive Road Race

Updated flyers and registration forms were distributed to the commission. Volunteers were sought for the day of the race, October 9, 2005, to assist with the water stops, road closings and to assist the runners. A new age category from 60 to 69, 70 and up and a "Walking" category have been added this year. A meeting with the Police and Fire Department in preparation for the race will take place within the next couple of weeks. The Road Race committee has been meeting every other week.

Bicentennial Committee

The Director has been attending the Bicentennial Committee meetings to offer to include our programs as part of the celebration. We shared our program schedule to help in the preparations. Plans for Fireworks at Spring Lake Beach to be held on July 4th are underway.

Library Committee

The Director attended the Library Committee meeting last week to offer information on fundraising sources.

Spring Lake Beach Totem Pole

Juliette Lopez asked what the status was on the installation of the Totem Pole at the Spring Lake Beach Facility entrance inside the fence. Alice Lavigne reported people are on the beach when closed. They could be Beach Rights people or others going around the fence on the waters edge side but The Director will check on it.

There was a break in at the Restaurant and Ice Cream buildings at Spring Lake Beach during the last week. The Police seem to think it

was an inside job because they utilized a key. Consequently, the locks on those two buildings will be changed out.

Playground Installer

Repairs to some of the playground equipment are being completed by the Playground Installer due to the Department of Public Works being to busy.

New Business:

Track Resurfacing

Two quotes has been sought to date totaling approximately \$50,000 to resurface the track at Branch River Park. The Director is awaiting the State of Rhode Island small grant round to submit a grant application to help fund the resurfacing project.

Another possible project for the winterization of the Spring Lake Champlin Recreation Hall originally \$25,000 to \$30,000 is being sought. It is still undecided if a new well would be necessary for the one building to allow for the water winterization of the rest of the facility. The Architect for the original building will be contacted.

OSHA

The Director will be attending OSHA training on Tuesday, September 13th and Wednesday, September 14th. State law states that anyone on a construction site with a value of \$100,000 or more must be OSHA certified.

Santa on the Town Common

Al Low will check to see if he can be Santa again this year for the Santa on the Town Common event scheduled for December 3, 2005 (rain/snow date of December 10, 2005).

Levy Rink

Nancy Binns will try to set up a walk through of the rink with the Town Council and School Committee.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Al Low. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Motion Passed 7-0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 11th, 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.

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